

Confederation highlights introduction of semi-low floor buses

The quarterly general body meeting of the Confederation of Residents Welfare Associations was held at Sector 14 Community Center. General Secretary of Confederation of RWAs AS Gulati started the proceedings of the meeting with the discussion on introduction of 150 semi-low floor city bus services in Faridabad. It would start on 16 proposed routes by the Ministry of Urban Development under JNNURM (Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission) to cater to the public transport demand of Faridabad.

Suggestions were given by different RWAs that the proposed city bus services terminating at Central Secretariat be extended to New Delhi railway station and similarly proposed bus service terminating at Ashram be extended to Nizamuddin railway station. Sector 21-A RWA member Amita Singh also suggested for "Ladies Special" bus service for Connaught Place during the office hours. AS Gulati assured the members that their suggestions would be forwarded to GM Haryana Roadways.

TD Jatwani, president of the confederation said, "Faridabad lacks any organised public transport facility and auto



rickshaws comprise the major mode of transport for intra-city travel. There is lot of traffic between Delhi and Faridabad as well as adjoining cities and in the absence of adequate public transport services, people face lot of problems in

commuting. Introduction of proposed city bus service is a welcome initiative and has received an overwhelming response from all quarters."

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MLA Anand Kaushik was invited as the chief guest. The meeting was hosted by RS Gandhi and Sunil Gulati, president, RWA, Sector 14.

More than 150 members from various RWAs attended the meeting.